

NATIONAL GUARD

ALTHOUGH it finally has been settled that the National Guard of the District of Columbia will participate in maneuvers around Washington this year instead of going into camp, the details have not yet been received by the local National Guard headquarters. It is said the problems, which the various militia organizations that are to participate in the maneuvers are to work out are yet in the hands of the officers of the Army War College here, and probably will not be ready for several weeks. So the fact that there will be maneuvers and that they will in general involve the attack and defense of Washington.

Infantry regiments and Signal Corps Company of the local National Guard will attempt to defend their home city and their national capital, while the 1st Battery, Field Artillery, N. G. D. C., will be torn away from the local forces and assigned to the attacking party. While the problems to be worked out will involve attack and defense of the capital, the maneuvers will cover a wide area, it is declared, possibly carrying the outskirts of the defending forces some distance from the city. As tentatively planned, it is proposed to have the attacking party land its troops from transports at some point along the Chesapeake Bay, and then proceed to the city, making such distribution of the various arms of the service as is necessary to make a successful attack on the capital.

In the "red" or attacking party will be the field artillery of the local National Guard, a battery of field artillery, a field hospital and sanitary troops from the Maryland National Guard, two brigades of infantry from Pennsylvania, one brigade of infantry from New Jersey. From Pennsylvania also will come a squadron of cavalry, two companies of engineers and a signal company and one squadron of United States cavalry from Camp Winchester, Va.

In the "blue" or defending force will be, in addition to the quota of the local National Guard, one regiment of infantry from West Virginia, a brigade from Maryland, a brigade of infantry from Virginia and two battalions of infantry from Delaware. New Jersey will send a squadron of cavalry, a signal company and a field hospital and sanitary troops. Maryland will contribute a troop of cavalry, while Virginia will send two battalions of infantry to defend the city. On this side will be two squadrons of United States Cavalry from Camp Winchester.

The exact date for the big "war" has not yet been set, but it is now believed that it will be held later part of July or the first of August.

National Guard officers are to take the ninety-mile test ride, taken annually by the officers of the regular army—that is, the National Guard officers of Massachusetts. The orders have gone out to the officers of that organized militia, and the latter part of April will find them riding around through the Massachusetts hills.

An officer of the local National Guard declared that in his opinion it would be a good thing for all National Guard officers to take these tests every year.

Examination papers for the tests for non-commissioned officers of the local National Guard and privates who are being promoted are being prepared at National Guard headquarters. These examinations will be taken by men who have been attending the schools conducted by the instructor sergeants detailed from the regular army to the local National Guard. About 100 men will take these examinations.

The men who come out successful at these tests are given certificates of proficiency, which excuse them from further attendance at the schools.

With the inspection next Friday night of the headquarters National Guard, District of Columbia, and all officers of staff departments and post non-commissioned staff, the annual inspections of the local organizations of the District of Columbia will be at an end. During the week it was reported that organizations so far examined have not come up to the expectations of the inspecting officers, so far as numbers were concerned. As far as efficiency goes, many of the organizations have made excellent showings.

Also on the schedule for inspection this week are Companies I and K, 1st Infantry, Monday; Companies L and M, 1st Infantry, Tuesday; headquarters field, staff and non-commissioned staff and Companies A and B, 1st Separate Battalion, Wednesday; and Companies C and D, 1st Separate Battalion, Thursday.

On the night of its annual inspection the Signal Corps Company gave a banquet in honor of the inspecting officers, Maj. Leroy W. Herron, inspector general of the D. C. C., and Capt. William M. Fassett, U. S. A., the regular army inspecting officer, were the guests of honor at the banquet, which was given in the private dining room of the National Press Club.

O. C. C. C. and Lieut. Russell Denny and Capt. Fassett made brief addresses. Among those present were Lieut. George M. Lammie of the signal organization, Master Signal Electrician Howard Randall, First Serg. W. E. Link, Serg. Louis Winters, A. John, William Lansford, Robert Hurst and Joseph E. Houde, Corporals William Brennan, Jack Edwards and William Eaton; Privates Harry Rockwell, William Griffith, Patrick Porter, DeForest Ornes, Hugo Zwickler, Thimble and Frank Sloan and Sergt. William Bryant of the 1st Battery, Field Artillery, N. G. D. C.

Company K, 2d Infantry, held its regular competitive drill in the manual of arms last Wednesday evening. The contest was close, and it was with some difficulty that men were eliminated. The two men who stood longest were Sergt. Payne, who is a first lieutenant in the high school Cadet Corps, and Private Connor, who is a company commander in the same organization. The perfection of these two cadet officers in the manual of arms made an inspection of rifles and general appearance necessary to decide the winner. Lieuts. Brown and Martin awarded the medal to Private Connor.

A short drill in close order, in which all the non-commissioned officers took turns in commanding, concluded the work for the evening.

Capt. Ernest of Company K is very much pleased with the exceptionally fine showing made by his organization at the annual inspection. He received the congratulations of the inspecting officers, as well as those of others who witnessed the ceremonies and the fact that the entire roster of the company is as good as fit for the efficiency of the organization.

Company K desires very much to win the honor of the District of Columbia, and yesterday to First Lieut. Henrik C. Kahn, 2d Infantry, for three months, becoming April 1.

The following named enlisted men have been ordered honorably discharged from the National Guard:

His own application—Private C. H. W. Zerk, Company K, 1st Infantry.

Removal from the District—Private Francis D. Wood, Company K, 1st Infantry.

Private John Marlow, Company K, 1st Separate Battalion.

The following named enlisted men have been ordered discharged from the National Guard without honor, on account of being absent continuously without leave for three months: Private Clayton Geiger, Edward O'Connor and Joseph H. Price, all of Company A, 2d Infantry; and Private George Johnson, Company C, 1st Separate Battalion.

WITH the newly organized third division of the Naval Battalion of the District of Columbia manning the vessel, the U. S. S. Sylvia, assigned to the local naval militia for training purposes, will leave her dock next Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock for a day's cruise down the Potomac. Every man in the division last Thursday at drill was given additional instruction in the methods of handling field guns under service conditions. This practice was directed by Lieut. Gust.

Each man will be allowed to take one passenger. Every attempt is being made to make the local Naval Battalion as popular as possible in order to assist in the enlisted personnel young men of good character. These Sunday trips, it is said, will be one of the means taken to draw men into the battalion. Commander Joseph A. Dempf, commanding the naval militia, declared that he could get more than enough men to recruit his organization up to its full strength, but they are not the kind of men he wants, and every Thursday night he finds occasion to refuse to enlist men whom he believes to be of doubtful character.

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"The trip was very interesting, and I am glad that I was ordered to this duty," he said. "There were sixteen naval militia officers from various parts of the country on this duty, and all of them received instruction. I was there principally as an observer, and was permitted to visit various parts of the ships during the firing. I was given no specific duty at the battle stations during the target practice."

The early part of the work was devoted to "spotting" practice at the old San Marcos in Tankier sound. Here the naval militia officers were used as "spotting" being required to tell whether the shells fell short, went too far, whether they were right or left of the spot fired at, and how much out of the way they were. This particular part of the work was very interesting.

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Other Edward Schmidt, fourth division, and Seaman Apprentice J. E. Knight, second division, were ordered honorably discharged on their own application.

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The government also will pay another \$1,200,000 to the royal princesses for furniture, paintings, jewels, Egyptian antiquities, silver and gold table services and about 20,000 acres of land in the Congo, which belonged to the Princess Clémentine, the wife of Prince Victor Napoleon. Besides all these sums some thing like \$4,200,000 was paid over to the heirs immediately after King Leopold's death.

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BRUSSELS, March 21, 1914. The private fortune left by King Leopold amounts to \$21,000,000, according to a government memorandum attached to the bill for settlement of the estate. The figures support the reputation which Leopold had of being one of the shrewdest business men in Europe, and as large as they are, they do not include about \$6,000,000 given to the Baroness Vaughn, second wife of the king, nor various other millions he gave away. In the itemization of his personal property it appears that he held shares in companies all over the world to the present total value of \$12,000,000.

As proudly announced, the Belgian government proposed to pay the three daughters \$1,000,000 each in consideration of their giving up further claims, and to

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